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Financing of the United Nations Supervision Mission in the Syrian Arab Republic

Report of the Fifth Committee

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I. Introduction

1. At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 18 September 2015, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its seventieth session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Supervision Mission in the Syrian Arab Republic" and to allocate it to the Fifth Committee.

2. The Fifth Committee considered the item at its 35th and 39th meetings, on 6 May and 13 June 2016. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records.[1]

3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the following documents:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General on the final performance of the United Nations Supervision Mission in the Syrian Arab Republic (A/70/564);

(b) Related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/70/858).

II. Consideration of draft resolution A/C.5/70/L.36

4. At its 39th meeting, on 13 June, the Committee had before it a draft resolution entitled "Financing of the United Nations Supervision Mission in the Syrian Arab Republic" (A/C.5/70/L.36), submitted by the Chair of the Committee on the basis of informal consultations coordinated by the representative of Sri Lanka.

5. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/70/L.36 without a vote (see para. 6).

[1] A/C.5/70/SR.35 and A/C.5/70/SR.39.

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III. Recommendation of the Fifth Committee

6. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Financing of the United Nations Supervision Mission in the Syrian Arab Republic

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the final performance of the United Nations Supervision Mission in the Syrian Arab Republic[1] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2]

1. *Takes note* of the status of contributions to the United Nations Supervision Mission in the Syrian Arab Republic as at 30 April 2016, including the contributions outstanding in the amount of some 0.1 million United States dollars, notes with concern that only 153 Member States have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States, in particular those in arrears, to ensure payment of their outstanding assessed contributions;

2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2] and requests the Secretary-General to ensure their full implementation;

3. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General;[1]

4. *Decides* that Member States that have fulfilled their financial obligations to the Mission shall be credited with their respective share of the net cash available in the Special Account for the United Nations Supervision Mission in the Syrian Arab Republic in the amount of 1,818,000 dollars as at 30 April 2016, in accordance with the levels updated in its resolution 64/249 of 24 December 2009, taking into account the scale of assessments for 2012, as set out in its resolution 64/248 of 24 December 2009;

5. *Encourages* Member States that are owed credits referred to in paragraph 4 above to apply those credits to any accounts where they have outstanding assessed contributions;

6. *Urges* all Member States to make every possible effort to ensure payment of their assessed contributions in full as early as possible;

7. *Decides* that, for Member States that have not fulfilled their financial obligations to the Mission, their respective share of the net cash available in the Special Account for the Mission in the amount of 1,818,000 dollars as at 30 April 2016 shall be set off against their outstanding obligations, in accordance with the scheme set out in paragraph 4 above;

8. *Also decides* that updated information on the financial position of the Mission shall be included in the report on the updated position of closed

[1] A/70/564.
[2] A/70/858.

peacekeeping missions, to be considered by the General Assembly at its seventy-first session under the agenda item entitled "Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations";

9. *Further decides* to delete from its agenda the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Supervision Mission in the Syrian Arab Republic".